

**Amendment to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): A hair styling composition comprising:

- (a) from about 0.04% to less than ~~about~~ 1.5% active of a holding polymer;
- (b) hydroxyethyl cellulose; and
- (c) a carrier selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, N-propanol, isopropanol, and a mixture thereof;

wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:2.2 to about 1:0.2, and the holding polymer comprises a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of vinyl caprolactam, methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinylpyrrolidone.

Claim 20 (previously presented): A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:0.4.

Claim 21 (previously presented): A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:0.7.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.

Claim 23 (previously presented): A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.3.

Claim 24 (previously presented): A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.6.

Claim 25 (previously presented): A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:1.9.

Claim 26 (canceled)

Claim 27 (currently amended): A hair styling composition comprising:

- (a) from about 0.04% to less than about 1.5% active of a holding polymer;
- (b) a nonionic dextran; and
- (c) a carrier selected from the group consisting of methanol, ethanol, N-propanol, isopropanol, and a mixture thereof;

wherein the ratio of (a) to (b) is about 1:2.2 to about 1:0.2, and the holding polymer comprises a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinylpyrrolidone.

Claim 28 (previously presented): A hair styling composition according to claim 27, wherein the holding polymer comprises a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of vinyl caprolactam, methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 29 (previously presented). A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the holding polymer consists essentially of a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of vinyl caprolactam, methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 30 (previously presented). A hair styling composition according to claim 27 wherein the holding polymer consists essentially of a polymer which comprises a monomer combination of methacrylamidopropyl dimethylamine and vinyl pyrrolidone.

Claim 31 (new). A hair styling composition according to claim 19 wherein the holding polymer is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.04% to about 1.25% active.

Claim 32 (new). A hair styling composition according to claim 27 wherein the holding polymer is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.04% to about 1.25% active.